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March 8, 1993

Robert L. Morgan, P.E.
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Re: Jordanelle Dam

Dear Bob:

It has been brought to our attention by an article in the Salt Lake Tribune dated Monday, January 25, 1993, that the Central Utah Water Conservancy District plans to begin filling the Jordanelle Reservoir on May 1, 1993. From the article, it appears that this will be a gradual filling and only the use of surplus water from spring run-off is to be stored. The article also indicates that this water can be released down the Provo River into the Deer Creek Reservoir and/or into Utah lake. From general knowledge, we understand that there will be approximately 5,000 acre feet of dead storage, which will be below the bottom of the discharge gates, thus being permanent storage of the Jordanelle Reservoir.

As you are well aware, Utah Lake is at one of its lowest points in history for this time of year, and because of the drought situation, we have implemented a new dredging project which will commence in mid-March and be completed within 60 to 90 days thereafter. This is being done to increase our chances of having a complete irrigation season for the year 1993. However, we feel there is a strong possibility that the secondary water users under our system may not have a complete irrigation season, and we are anticipating obtaining all of the water our priority rights grant us from the Utah Lake Drainage System, of which the Provo River contributes approximately 40%.

We, as the Board of Canal Presidents, supported the distribution plan which you put into effect on November 1, 1992. May we quote the first sentence of the third paragraph of this plan:

As State Engineer, it is my responsibility to ensure the fair and equitable distribution of water according to the priority dates of the Water Rights on file with my office.

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We are also aware that the Utah Lake and Jordan River Distribution System has the number one priority under this distribution plan, and that any water stored in the Jordanelle Reservoir is not only junior to the Utah Lake and Jordan River System, but also is junior to the Provo River and its tributaries, and is to be filled only if surplus water is available. We, therefore, are opposed to any water being stored in the Jordanelle Reservoir at this time.

Yours very truly,

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